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1. A heavy movement of troops was observed between 15 February and 20 March 1947 in Bukovina, Bessarabia, and the western Ukraine. Several divisions stationed in these areas were transferred, including:

- 82nd Infantry Division, stationed at Stanislavov (48°50'N, 24°14'E), evacuated to an unknown destination in the U.S.S.R.
- 43rd Infantry Division, of Storozhinets (48°11'N, 25°45'E), transferred to Rostov, in the North Caucasus Military District.
- Infantry units stationed at Chertkov (49°01'N, 25°51'E) in the western Ukraine, which were withdrawn.

Artillery and armored units and the equivalent of four brigades of security troops replaced the units transferred within the U.S.S.R. The four brigades of security troops were police units carrying motorized, armored, and artillery sections.

2. The General Staff of the security brigades for the western Ukraine is at Lvov. The Chief of Staff is Major General Meshcheryakov. Although the regular army formations are not charged with action against the partisans, the four security brigades are operating against them. The partisan movement has reached considerable proportions between Khotin and Zolishiki on the Polish-Romanian frontier, and in the vicinity of Kolomyia on the Dniester River. Partisan action in Bukovina recently has spread toward the northern districts, from Romania to Moldavia (47°40'N, 25°15'E).

3. A strong formation has arrived at Stanislavov. Between Stanislavov and Solotvina, two villages have been evacuated. Stanislavov has been transformed into a center for the manufacture and testing of artillery, and a large artillery testing range has been created in the vicinity. General (or Marshal) Savchenko was in the town for some time during March 1947 to inspect the construction and installation of this center.

4. On 11 March 1947, forty T-34 tanks arrived at Storozhinets but it is not yet known whether they will remain there.

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5. Various new armored units have arrived at Lvov, Tarnopol, Krasny (sic, possibly Krasnik - 50°54'N, 22°14'E), Chertkov, and Buchach. The sizes of the units indicate that probably a whole new tank army has arrived in Galicia. The General Staff of this army is at Tarnopol, where the large Podolski Hotel has been entirely requisitioned. Numerous telephone lines have been installed in the neighboring localities.

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6. The 32nd Siberian Infantry Division is located at Murka in northern Siberia. Units of this division, which is composed of men belonging to the older classes (1898), are in charge of the 30,000 PWs at Camp #374, situated 14 kms east of Murka.

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7. The General Staff of the Estonian Corps is located in the buildings of the former Estonian military school at Tondi, a suburb of Tallinn. The corps commander is General Luukas.
8. An artillery group is located at Valka, Estonia (57°46'N, 26°1'E). The unit is equipped with 76mm long-muzzle guns.
9. The following generals have been identified in Lithuania:
- a. Major General Karvelis - spoke at Vilno on 24 November 1946 on the occasion of "Artillery Day".
 - b. General Macijauskas - spoke at Vilno on 6 January 1947 at a meeting preparatory to the elections to the Supreme Soviet.
10. The following military schools were functioning in Kiev and Kharkov in February 1947:

a. Kiev

Infantry School of Kiev

Kalinin Communications School

CO: Lieutenant General of Signal Corps Filin

Kirov Artillery School

CO: Major General of Artillery Bekasov

Frunze Self-propelled Artillery School

CO: Lieutenant General of Armored Troops I. I. Petrov

Military Aviation School

Aeronautical Engineers School

Hospital Attendants School

b. Kharkov

Stalin Armored Troops School

Anti-Tank Artillery School

CO: Major General of Artillery Lisitski

Military Aviation School of Kharkov

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11. The construction of fortifications is now in progress near Suuropi, west of Tallinn, Estonia. In particular, an old Estonian heavy coastal battery is being reconditioned.

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13. Important fortifications have been under construction in the region of Paldiski for some time. An airfield is being built in the vicinity of Leetse, near the northeast coast of the Paldiski peninsula. A railroad which will run around the peninsula along the Paldiski-Leetse-Laokisla route is under construction. (Laokisla is on the Tallinn-Paldiski railroad.) Although labor on the project is chiefly Russian, German PWs in Russian uniform were seen also. Two or three trains of 24 to 30 cars each go through Nomm every day, loaded with construction materials to supply Paldiski.
14. Fortifications have been built on the two islands of Pakri, where there is also a launching ramp for flying bombs. Another larger ramp has been under construction on Dago Island.
15. A coastal battery of four pieces has been installed at Juminda (on the cape, 55 kms northeast of Tallinn). It is reported that the caliber of the guns is about 150mm.

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